

We claim:

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1. A review and approval system for media content, said system comprising:

a player for playing said media content; said media content consisting of a plurality of frames of digital data;

a comment receiver for receiving comments pertaining to one or more of said frames of said media content; and

a storage manager for storing said comments in correspondence with said frames of digital data.
 2. The review and approval system of claim 1 wherein said media content is video data ordered by time code.
 3. The review and approval system of claim 1 wherein said media content is Quicktime video data.
 4. The review and approval system of claim 1 further including:

a review and approval administration interface for receiving a list of one or more reviewers to provide said comments.
 5. The review and approval system of claim 1 wherein said comments are text.

6. The review and approval system of claim 1 wherein said comments are voice comments.

7. The review and approval system of claim 1 wherein said player and said comment receiver execute on a first computer system and said storage manger executes on a second computer system, and said first and second computer systems are coupled by a communications network.

8. A review and approval system for reviewing media content by a reviewer and capable of communicating with a media editing system, said system comprising:

a player for playing said media content; said media content consisting of a plurality of frames of digital data;

a comment receiver for receiving comments by said reviewer, corresponding to one or more of said frames of said media content; and

a storage manager for storing said comments in correspondence with said frames of digital data, and

a file generator for producing a data file of said comments for informing said media editing system of said comments by said reviewer.

9. The review and approval system of claim 8 wherein said data file has a data structure identifying said reviewer and said comment of said reviewer.

10. The review and approval system of claim 8 wherein said datafile has a data structure identifying a frame rate for playing said media content.

11. The review and approval system of claim 8 wherein said datafile has a data structure identifying said frames of digital data and corresponding said comments.

12. The review and approval system of claim 8 wherein said datafile indicates that said datafile contains said comments of said review and approval system. ~~13.~~

JWC 13. The review and approval system of claim 8 wherein said media content is
9/10/03 video data ordered by timecode.

14. 13. The review and approval system of claim 8 wherein said media content is audio data.

15. 14. The review and approval system of claim 8 wherein said media content is Quicktime video data.

15 16. The review and approval system of claim 8 further including:

a review and approval administration interface for receiving a list of one or more reviewers to provide said comments.

16 16-17. The review and approval system of claim 8 wherein said comments are text.

17 ~~18.~~ The review and approval system of claim 8 wherein said comments are voice comments.

18 ~~19.~~ The review and approval system of claim 8 wherein said player and said comment receiver execute on a first computer system and said storage manger executes on a second computer system, and said first and second computer systems are coupled by a communications network.

19 ~~20.~~ A computer program product, comprising:

a computer readable medium; and

computer readable instructions stored on the computer readable medium, wherein the instructions , when executed by a computer to instruct the computer to perform a process for reviewing a media content and providing comments by a user with respect to the media content, comprising:

playing said media content; said media content consisting of a plurality of frames of digital data;

receiving comments pertaining to one or more of said frames of said media content; and

storing said comments in correspondence with said frames of digital data.

20 21. A computer program product, comprising:

a computer readable medium; and

computer readable instructions stored on the computer readable medium, wherein the instructions, when executed by a computer to instruct the computer to perform a process for reviewing a media content and providing comments by a user with respect to the media content and communicating the comments to a editing system, comprising:

playing said media content; said media content consisting of a plurality of frames of digital data;

receiving comments by the user, corresponding to one or more of said frames of said media content; and

communicating the comments of the user to said editing system.

a frame rate for playing said media content to said editing system.

21/ 22. The computer program product of claim 21 wherein the process for reviewing a media content and providing comments by a user with respect to the media content and communicating the comments to a editing system further includes communicating frames of digital data and corresponding said comments to the editing system.

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The computer program product of claim 21 wherein the process for reviewing a media content and providing comments by a user with respect to the media content and communicating the comments to a editing system further includes communicating to the editing that the communicated comments originated at the review and approval system.